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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL POWERS: EGYPTIAN POSITION
ON ISRAELI EXPULSION

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1. STAFFDEL POWERS AND COMLOFF MERRICK MET WITH MIN OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MOHAMED RIAD ON AUG 10. RIAD REPRESENTED EGYPT AT JIDDA ISLAMIC CONFERENCE AND WAS PRINCIPAL EGYPTIAN DELEGATE IN OAU DEBATE ABOUT SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM UNGA. RIAD CLAIMED THAT AT BOTH JIDDA AND KAMPALA MEETINGS EGYPT HAD PROPOSED APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 7 OF UN CHARTER AND NOT RESOLUTIONS CALLING DIRECTLY FOR EITHER ISRAEL'S SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION. HE CLAIMED THAT EGYPTIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION REFERRED TO CHAPTER 7 WITHOUT ANY MENTION OF EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION. (COMMENT: THIS VERSION CONFLICTS WITH REFTTEL A, WHICH REPORTED EGYPTIANS INTRODUCED A "SUSPENSION RESOLUTION," BUT IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT RIAD HAD EARLIER TOLD
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US WERE HIS OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR JIDDA CONFERENCE. SEE

CAIRO 6788.) THUS, SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION WOULD BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO ANY GA ACTION ON THIS ISSUE. THIS WAS DONE "WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE" THAT CHAPTER 7 ACTION WOULD NOT BE APPROVED BY SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. HE CONTENDED THAT AT JIDDA CONFERENCE HE HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN MODERATING SYRIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE CALLED FOR MODIFICATION OF RESOLUTION 242. HE ALSO CLAIMED SUCCESS IN ELIMINATING PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION CALLING FOR DEBATE OF ME BY 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO MODERATE SLIGHTLY LANGUAGE OF RESOLUTION APPROVED AT JIDDA BY INSERTING "TO WORK/ BEFORE " TO DEPRIVE" WHICH IMPLIED A PROCESS RATHER THAN IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION. RIAD COMPLAINED THAT MODERATES SUCH AS TURKEY, IRAN AND INDONESIA HAD APPROACHED HIM PROVATELY TO TAKE ACTION TO FEND OFF SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION RESOLUTIONS, BUT THAT THEY HAD FAILED TO TAKE ANY ACTION IN CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

3. RIAD REFERRED TO SADAT'S KHARTOUM ANNOUNCEMENT THAT EGYPT WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN, AND SAID THAT HE HAD PUBLICLY DECLARED THIS POSITION AT OAU SUMMIT WITH RESULTING QUARREL WITH QADDHAFI.

4. ON ARAB-ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ISSUES, RIAD FORMULATED EGYPTIAN POSITION IN CONVENTIONAL TERMS. HE STRESSED GOE OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS WANT A PEACE SETTLEMENT, BUT THAT, IN ORDER FOR SUCH A SETTLEMENT TO BE DURABLE, IT MUST ENCOMPASS PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 242 PARTICULARLY REGARDING "WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB TERRITORIES". STAFFDEL POWERS ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY EGYPTIAN TIME LIMIT FOR A SETTLEMENT. RIAD REPLIED THAT EGYPT DOES NOT WISH TO LIMIT ITSELF TO ANY SPECIFIC TIME FRAME BUT THAT EVENTS IN AREA FORCE TIME LIMITS. THERE HAS TO BE SOME STEP TOWARD PEACE PRIOR TO RENEWAL OF UNEF MANDATE. HE CITED FORD AND KISSINGER STATEMENTS THAT A STALEMATE CANNOT BE ALLOWED.

5. IN RESPONSE TO POWERS' QUESTION, RIAD INDICATED THAT IN AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT AMERICAN PRESENCE IN SINAI PASSES WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY EGYPT. THIS STATEMENT WAS MADE IN CONTEXT OF EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS.

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6. COMMENT: GENERAL TONE OF MEETING WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL. RIAD REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED EGYPTIAN DESIRE FOR PEACE, SUITABILITY OF PRESENT ATMOSPHERE IN ARAB WORLD FOR PEACE SETTLEMENT, NECESSITY OF SETTLEMENT FOR EGYPT'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EGYPT'S DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF STATE OF ISRAEL THROUGH ACCEPTANCE OF RESOLUTION 242, AND EGYPT'S PLEDGE TO ACCEPT CONTINUATION OF STATE OF ISRAEL.

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